GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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Plan and Non-Plan Expenditure
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Rajasthan regarding bridging gap between plan and non-plan expenditure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (c) The Union Government has not received any specific proposal from the State Government of Rajasthan regarding bridging gap between plan and non-plan expenditure. However, a request for allowing additional borrowing to bridge the Revenue Deficit created by the financial outgo on account of interest burden of UDAY scheme, provision for implementation of 7th Pay Commission, operational fund requirement of DISCOMS, provision for regular salary to the freshly recruited probationers instead of fixed salaries has been received from the Chief Minister, Rajasthan. The state Government has been informed that any such relaxation in Borrowing Ceiling may not be possible as it would lead to similar demand from other participating States thus defeating the very purpose of the UDAY Scheme. Further, substantial increase in tax devolution and grant-in-aid on account of 14th Finance Commission's recommendation has made available more untied funds to the State which may be used for implementation of schemes and programmes as per their requirement.

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